

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al.

SWORN DEPOSITION

DEPONENT: UMEZU, Yoshijiro

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

My name is UMEZU, Yoshijiro and I am one of the defendants in the above styled case.

I was the Commander of the KWANTUNG Army between September 1939 (14th Year of SHOWA) and July 1944 (19th Year of SHOWA) and after that, the Chief of the General Staff until the time of the demobilization following the conclusion of the war.

KIMURA was the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army under my control between October 1940 (15th Year of SHOWA) and April 1941 (16th Year of SHOWA). The official date of his installation and resignation from the position of Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army is as mentioned above. On account of his attendance at the celebration of the 2600th Anniversary held in TOKYO, however, it was in the middle of November 1940, that he actually arrived at his post. At the end of March 1941, he left HSINGKING to attend the Chief of Staff Conference, coming over to TOKYO. While on this business trip, it was officially announced that he was appointed the Vice-Minister of War. Such being the case, his practical tenure of office as the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army was as short a space of time as about four months I remember.

Before becoming Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army, KIMURA had absolutely no military service experience in MANCHURIA and had never administered the affairs relative to that country. Moreover, owing to the shortness of his tenure of office (no more than four months was too short a time for

him to take over the duties of the former Chief of Staff and make a tour of inspection through his jurisdiction), I think that he left his post before he could exert himself to the utmost as the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army.

I recall that during KIMURA's tenure of office as Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army there occurred in MANCHURIA no special incidents concerning the SOVIET UNION or CHINA.

KIMURA was appointed a member of the JAPAN-MANCHUKUO Economic Co-operation Committee and the MANCHUKUO Colonization Committee. The fact that he was appointed a member of these Committees was not because of his personality but of the regulations of the committees which provided that the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army, whoever may take the position, shall be automatically appointed a committee member. By nature, KIMURA took little interest in political, economic and diplomatic policies. Moreover, as mentioned above, he could not exert himself to the utmost even in his main duty as Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army. I think that in view of these conditions, he did nothing in particular as a member of those committees.

The MANCHUKUO Colonization Committee mentioned above was connected with the Overseas Ministry but was not under the control of the Commander of the KWANTUNG Army. The reason why the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army was appointed a member of it was for the purpose of forming a connection between the Overseas Ministry and the Army.

A German military attache is supposed to have said that KIMURA was the Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army between October 1939 and October 1940, and also worked in behalf of Germany. KIMURA's term in MANCHURIA, however, was as I mentioned before no more than four months from November 1940 and as Chief of Staff of the KWANTUNG Army he had absolutely no connection with GERMANY as a matter of duty. Moreover, there is no evidence of KIMURA's activity in regard to such a matter.

14 February - the 22d Year of SHOWA 1947)

At: SUGAMO Prison

/s/ DEPONENT: UMEZU, Yoshijiro /Seal/

I certify that the above was sworn to and the signature and seal affixed in the presence of this witness.

On the same date.

At the same Place.

/s/ WITNESS: SHIONARA, Tokisaburo /Seal/

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ UMEZU, Yoshijiro /Seal/

Translation Certificate

I, HONGO, Tameo, of the Defense, hereby certify that the attached translation of Affidavit of UMEZU, Yohjiro is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/s/ Tameo Hongo

Tokyo, Japan

Date 2d May 1947

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供述者

梅津美治郎 印

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被告人 藤原三郎 (印)

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東京地方裁判所
被告 藤原三郎
代理人 國府 昭三郎
昭和十八年九月二十日 署名捺印

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証人 美治郎 印

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